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**"AN ACT CONCERNING RESEARCH ACTIVITIES OF THE  
COMMISSIONER OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 32-70a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

5 (a) On or before October 1, 2006, the Commissioner of Economic and  
6 Community Development shall establish goals for enterprise zones  
7 designated under section 32-70. The commissioner shall review such  
8 goals every five years and update them as necessary and appropriate.  
9 Such goals shall include, but not be limited to, increasing private  
10 investment, expanding the tax base, providing job training and job  
11 creation for residents of enterprise zones and reducing property  
12 abandonment and housing blight in enterprise zones.

13 (b) On or before October 1, 2006, the Commissioner of Economic  
14 and Community Development shall establish performance standards  
15 to measure the progress of municipalities with enterprise zones in  
16 attaining the goals for enterprise zones established under subsection  
17 (a) of this section. The commissioner shall review and update such  
18 performance standards as appropriate and necessary.

19 (c) On or before January 1, 2009, said commissioner shall submit, in  
20 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, an interim report to  
21 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
22 cognizance of matters relating to the Department of Economic and  
23 Community Development. Such interim report shall include  
24 information on the following:

25 (1) The goals established by the commissioner for each enterprise  
26 zone and the method to be used to review such goals every five years,  
27 as provided in subsection (a) of this section;

28 (2) The standards the commissioner shall use to determine if each  
29 enterprise zone has met its goal;

30 (3) Information on the status of development of the format under  
31 which businesses in enterprise zones are to submit data pursuant to  
32 subsection (d) of this section;

33 (4) Information on the extent to which municipalities have begun to  
34 evaluate the performance of enterprise zones, as required pursuant to  
35 subsection (e) of this section, and information on assistance provided  
36 by the Department of Economic and Community Development to  
37 municipalities in performing such evaluation;

38 (5) Any preliminary findings about the progress of municipalities  
39 with enterprise zones toward attaining goals established pursuant to  
40 subsection (a) of this section; and

41 (6) Suggested changes or alternatives to the enterprise zone  
42 program that may enable municipalities to achieve their goals more

43 efficiently.

44 [(c)] (d) On or before [July] October 1, 2011, and every five years  
45 thereafter, each business located within an enterprise zone that is  
46 certified to receive enterprise zone benefits shall electronically submit,  
47 in a format determined by the commissioner, a report to the  
48 municipality, which shall include, but not be limited to:

49 (1) The name of the certified business receiving enterprise zone  
50 benefits;

51 (2) The enterprise zone address of each certified business receiving  
52 enterprise zone benefits;

53 (3) The date on which the certified business was first certified;

54 (4) The number of full-time jobs the certified business had at the  
55 time of application;

56 (5) The number of part-time jobs the certified business had at the  
57 time of application;

58 (6) The number of full-time jobs of the certified business filled by  
59 residents of the enterprise zone as of June thirtieth of each year since  
60 certification;

61 (7) The number of part-time jobs of the certified business filled by  
62 residents of the enterprise zone as of June thirtieth of each year since  
63 certification;

64 (8) The number of full-time jobs the certified business had as of June  
65 thirtieth of each year since certification;

66 (9) The number of part-time jobs the certified business had as of  
67 June thirtieth of each year since certification;

68 (10) The average annual wage paid by the certified business to its  
69 full-time employees as of June thirtieth of each year since certification;

- 70 (11) The average annual wage paid by the certified business to its  
71 part-time employees as of June thirtieth of each year since certification;
- 72 (12) The number of employees of the certified business eligible for  
73 health benefits as of June thirtieth of each year since certification;
- 74 (13) The per cent of average employee contribution to the health  
75 plan of the certified business as of June thirtieth of each year since  
76 certification;
- 77 (14) The amount invested by the certified business in job training as  
78 of June thirtieth of each year since certification;
- 79 (15) The amount of square footage of the building or buildings  
80 residing at the enterprise zone address at the time of application;
- 81 (16) The amount of square footage of the building or buildings  
82 residing at the enterprise zone address as of June thirtieth of each year  
83 since certification;
- 84 (17) The amount invested by the certified business or property  
85 owner in the building or buildings residing at the enterprise zone  
86 address as of June thirtieth of each year since certification;
- 87 (18) The amount invested in personal property, excluding  
88 machinery and equipment used in the manufacture of goods, as of  
89 June thirtieth of each year since certification;
- 90 (19) The amount invested in machinery and equipment used in the  
91 manufacture of goods as of June thirtieth of each year since  
92 certification;
- 93 (20) The amount of the personal property tax abatement awarded to  
94 the certified business as of June thirtieth of each year since certification;
- 95 (21) The amount of the real property tax abatement awarded to the  
96 certified business as of June thirtieth of each year since certification;
- 97 (22) The amount of personal property tax actually paid by the

98 certified business to the municipality as of June thirtieth of each year  
99 since certification; and

100 (23) The amount of real property tax actually paid by the certified  
101 business to the municipality as of June thirtieth of each year since  
102 certification.

103 [(d)] (e) On or before [July] October 1, 2011, and every five years  
104 thereafter, each municipality in which an enterprise zone is located  
105 shall electronically submit, in a format determined by the  
106 commissioner, a report to the commissioner evaluating the progress of  
107 the municipality in meeting the performance standards established  
108 under subsection (b) of this section. Each municipal report shall  
109 include, to the extent available, a list of all businesses certified within  
110 the municipality's enterprise zone, and the information provided by  
111 businesses under subsection [(c)] (d) of this section.

112 [(e)] (f) On or before February 1, [2011] 2012, the commissioner shall  
113 assess the performance of each enterprise zone. In making such  
114 assessment the commissioner shall consider the report submitted  
115 under subsection [(c)] (e) of this section by the municipality in which  
116 the enterprise zone is located and any other information [he] the  
117 commissioner deems relevant. The commissioner shall report the  
118 findings of said assessment and any recommendations for  
119 improvement in the performance of the enterprise zone in the  
120 Department of Economic and Community Development's annual  
121 report.

122 [(f)] (g) On or before January 1, 2013, the commissioner shall assess  
123 the performance of each enterprise zone and may recommend to the  
124 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
125 of all matters relating to the Department of Economic and Community  
126 Development, [the Connecticut Development Authority and  
127 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated,] that the designation be  
128 removed if [he] the commissioner determines that the enterprise zone  
129 has not met performance standards established under subsection (b) of

130 this section. Upon such recommendation, the General Assembly may  
131 remove the designation.

132 Sec. 502. Subsection (c) of section 32-1o of the 2008 supplement to  
133 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
134 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

135 (c) The strategic plan required under this section shall include, but  
136 not be limited to, the following:

137 (1) A review and evaluation of the economy of the state. Such  
138 review and evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, a sectoral  
139 analysis, housing market and housing affordability analysis, labor  
140 market and labor quality analysis, demographic analysis and include  
141 historic trend analysis and projections;

142 (2) A review and analysis of factors, issues and forces that impact or  
143 impede economic development and responsible growth in Connecticut  
144 and its constituent regions. Such factors, issues or forces shall include,  
145 but not be limited to, transportation, including, but not limited to,  
146 commuter transit, rail and barge freight, technology transfer,  
147 brownfield remediation and development, health care delivery and  
148 costs, early education, primary education, secondary and  
149 postsecondary education systems and student performance, business  
150 regulation, labor force quality and sustainability, social services costs  
151 and delivery systems, affordable and workforce housing cost and  
152 availability, land use policy, emergency preparedness, taxation,  
153 availability of capital and energy costs and supply;

154 (3) Identification and analysis of economic clusters that are growing  
155 or declining within the state;

156 (4) An analysis of targeted industry sectors in the state that (A)  
157 identifies those industry sectors that are of current or future  
158 importance to the growth of the state's economy and to its global  
159 competitive position, (B) identifies what those industry sectors need  
160 for continued growth, and (C) identifies, those industry sectors current

161 and potential impediments to growth;

162 (5) A review and evaluation of the economic development structure  
163 in the state, including, but not limited to, (A) a review and analysis of  
164 the past and current economic, community and housing development  
165 structures, budgets and policies, efforts and responsibilities of its  
166 constituent parts in Connecticut; and (B) an analysis of the  
167 performance of the current economic, community and housing  
168 development structure, and its individual constituent parts, in meeting  
169 its statutory obligations, responsibilities and mandates and their  
170 impact on economic development and responsible growth in  
171 Connecticut;

172 (6) Establishment and articulation of a vision for Connecticut that  
173 identifies where the state should be in five, ten, fifteen and twenty  
174 years;

175 (7) Establishment of clear and measurable goals and objectives for  
176 the state and regions, to meet the short and long-term goals established  
177 under this section and provide clear steps and strategies to achieve  
178 said goals and objectives, including, but not limited to, the following:  
179 (A) The promotion of economic development and opportunity, (B) the  
180 fostering of effective transportation access and choice including the use  
181 of airports and ports for economic development, (C) enhancement and  
182 protection of the environment, (D) maximization of the effective  
183 development and use of the workforce consistent with applicable state  
184 or local workforce investment strategy, (E) promotion of the use of  
185 technology in economic development, including access to high-speed  
186 telecommunications, and (F) the balance of resources through sound  
187 management of physical development;

188 (8) Prioritization of goals and objectives established under this  
189 section;

190 (9) Establishment of relevant measures that clearly identify and  
191 quantify (A) whether a goal and objective is being met at the state,  
192 regional, local and private sector level, and (B) cause and effect

193 relationships, and provides a clear and replicable measurement  
194 methodology;

195 (10) Recommendations on how the state can best achieve goals  
196 under the strategic plan and provide cost estimates for implementation  
197 of the plan and the projected return on investment for those areas;  
198 [and]

199 (11) A review and evaluation of the operation and efficacy of the  
200 urban jobs program established pursuant to sections 32-9i to 32-9l,  
201 inclusive, enterprise zones, contiguous municipality zones, defense  
202 plant zones and manufacturing plant zones established pursuant to  
203 section 32-70, railroad depot zones established pursuant to section 32-  
204 75a, qualified manufacturing plants designated pursuant to section 32-  
205 75c, entertainment districts established pursuant to section 32-76 and  
206 enterprise corridor zones established pursuant to section 32-80; and

207 ~~[(11)]~~ (12) Any other responsible growth information that the  
208 commissioner deems appropriate.

209 Sec. 503. Subsection (b) of section 32-71 of the general statutes is  
210 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
211 *1, 2008*):

212 (b) Any fixed assessment on any residential property shall cease if:  
213 (1) For any residential rental property, any dwelling unit in such  
214 property is rented to any person whose income exceeds two hundred  
215 per cent of the median [family income of the municipality] income, as  
216 determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban  
217 Development, for the area in which the municipality containing the  
218 residential rental property is located; or (2) for any conversion  
219 condominium declared after the designation of the enterprise zone,  
220 any unit is sold to any person whose income exceeds two hundred per  
221 cent of the median [family income of the municipality] income, as  
222 determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban  
223 Development, for the area in which the municipality containing the  
224 residential rental property is located."